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SUBJECT: GATT -- COUNCIL AGENDA NOVEMBER 11

1. NEARLY FINAL GATT COUNCIL AGENDA CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS.

I. ITEMS ON WHICH DEBATE IS LIKELY AND/OR ON WHICH U.S. DEL SHOULD COMMENT:

(A) REPORT OF ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE -- WE CAN EXPECT THAT OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE JAPANESE, WILL ATTACK RECENT U.S. ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS AS WELL AS TO COMPLAINT THAT ANTI-DUMPING ACTIONS ARE BEING USED AS PROTECTIONIST DEVICE.

(B) PANEL REPORTS ON DISC AND RELATED TAX PRACTICES OF FRANCE, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS -- WE RECOMMEND
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THAT U.S. BE PREPARED TO REBUT CONTENTIONS RAISED BY OTHER STATES WITH REGARD TO DEFINITION OF EXPORTS (OR ITS IRRELEVANCY) AND THE DESTINATION PRINCIPLE OF TAXATION. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF WE COULD SHOW THAT THE THREE STATES HAVE RAISED NOTHING NEW AND THAT POINTS RAISED BY THREE STATES WERE CONSIDERED AND REJECTED BY THE PANELS. SEE GENEVA 8476 FOR DETAILED OPTIONS.

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(C) WORKING PARTY REPORT ON COST EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE -- U.S. SHOULD EMPHASIZE SUBSIDY NATURE OF THESE SCHEMES AND NEED TO ELIMINATE THEM. (SHOULD WE ALLUDE TO U.S. EFFORTS IN THE OECD EXPORT CREDITS EXERCISE TO OUTLAW SUCH INSURANCE SCHEMES?)

(D) ASEAN AGREEMENT -- AS PER STATE 257979 U.S. SHOULD CALL FOR WP IF ONE IS NOT ESTABLISHED ROUTINELY BY CHAIR.

(E) WP REPORT ON AUSTRALIA - PAPUA NEW GUINEA -- IN WORKING PARTY, AUSTRALIANS QUESTIONED NEED TO FOLLOW NORMAL BIANNUAL REPORTING PROCEDURE. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSERT THAT BIANNUAL REPORTS SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

(F) PAKISTAN WAIVER -- WE NOTE (SEE SEPTEL) THAT PAKISTAN DRAFT WAIVER DIFFERS AND IS WEAKER THAN WAIVERS GRANTED INDONESIA, INDIA AND BRAZIL FOR SIMILAR PURPOSES. WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GET PAKISTAN TO CHANGE WAIVER TO FOLLOW USUAL FORM PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING.

(G) CHILEAN ARTICLE XXIII COMPLAINT AGAINST EC ON EXPORT REFUNDS ON MALTED BARLEY -- THIS ITEM WAS RAISED AT COUNCIL MEETING OF 30 SEPTEMBER 1976 WHEN U.S. INDICATED THAT WE HAD NOTIFIED EC UNDER GATT ARTICLE XXII.
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WE MAY WISH TO SUPPORT CHILEAN STATEMENT.

(H) REPORT OF THE COUNCIL -- GATT DOCUMENT C/W/29Z CONTAINS DRAFT REPORT OF COUNCIL TO CPS. WASHINGTON SHOULD CHECK DRAFT TO BE SURE THAT IT IS ACCURATE AND BALANCED, PARTICULARLY IN SECTION COVERING DISC. THIS ITEM ALSO ALLOWS OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHERS TO RAISE PET TOPICS NOT SPECIFICALLY ON AGENDA FOR NOV. 11 (I.E., MINI BOP PROCEDURES). IF SUCH SUBJECTS ARE RAISED WE WILL FOLLOW PREVIOUS GUIDANCE.

(I) NEW ZEALAND IMPORT DEPOSIT SCHEME -- AS PER STATE 172774 ASSUME WE WILL REQUEST BOP COMMITTEE CONSIDER IDS BUT CAN AGREE TO RECONVENING OF WORKING PARTY WHICH PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED IDS. NEW ZEALAND LIKELY TO ACCEPT RECONVENING OF WP.

II. LIKELY TO BE ROUTINE NOTING OR INFORMATION ITEMS UNLESS U.S. WANTS TO RAISE SPECIFIC POINTS.

(A) BIANNUAL REPORTS OF EC-EFTA ARRANGEMENTS.

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(B) BIANNUAL REPORT OF FINNISH-HUNGARIAN AGREEMENT--
DO WE WANT TO STATE NEED TO KEEP EAST/WEST ARRANGEMENTS
OF THIS TYPE UNDER CLOSE SCRUTINY? OTHERWISE MAY BE
ROUTINE.

(C) INDONESIA -- EXTENSION OF WAIVER. PARTICULARLY
IN VIEW OF U.S. SLOWNESS IN SUBMITTING A REQUEST LIST
FOR COMPENSATION, WE SHOULD SUPPORT EXTENSION OF WAIVER.

(D) EXTENSION OF PROVISIONAL ACCESSION OF THE
PHILIPPINES AND TUNISIA.

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(E) REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE -- ISSUE OF D-1
REGRADINGS AND NEW P-5 POST RESOLVED (SEE GENEVA 9285)
SO SHOULD BE ROUTINE.

(F) WORKING PARTY ON TRADE WITH POLAND -- COUNCIL
MUST SET UP WP FOR REVIEW OF TRADE UNDER PROTOCOL OF
ACCESSION. SANDILIA OF INDIA WILL BE NAMED CHAIRMAN.

(G) EXTENSION OF PROTOCOL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PART IV
OF GATT -- GABON AND FRANCE HAVE NOT SIGNED PROTOCOL.

(H) COMPOSITION OF PANEL ON EC MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES--
HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE PANEL TOGETHER BY NOVEMBER 11.
IF NOT, CHAIRMAN WILL REPORT ON STATUS.

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(I) COMPOSITION OF PANEL ON THROWN SILK -- LAST COUNCIL GAVE CHAIRMAN AUTHORITY TO SET UP PANEL. HE WILL REPORT ON STATUS (SEE SEPTEL ON CURRENT STATUS). THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM UNLESS WE WANT TO COMMEND THE GATT FOR ITS ACCELERATED CONSIDERATION IN THIS CASE OR OTHERWISE COMMENT.
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(J) CG-18 CHAIRMAN REPORTS -- THIS COULD BE ROUTINE, BUT COULD ALLOW OTHERS TO COMMENT ON PET ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE COVERED ON THE AGENDA. SECRETARIAT MAY REPORT ON PLANS FOR GATT MONITORING SYSTEM. U.S. MAY WISH TO INDICATE OUR SUPPORT FOR EXERCISE AND COMMENT ON HOW WE SEE IT OPERATING.

(K) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR WP ON HUNGARIAN ACCESSION -- AMBASSADOR FARNON (NEW ZEALAND) WILL BE APPOINTED.

(L) ANNUAL REPORT ON TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT (INDIA-YUGOSLAVIA-EGYPT).

(M) DG REPORT ON TRAINING.

(N) OTHER BUSINESS -- TURKISH WAIVER FOR STAMP DUTY LIKELY TO BE RAISED. COUNCIL WILL ASK THAT BOP COMMITTEE EXAMINE WAIVER (IN CONTEXT OF BOP CONSULTATION WITH TURKEY) AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL (THIS HAS BEEN THE PRACTICE IN THE PAST). TURKEY WILL BE TECHNICALLY WITHOUT WAIVER COVER FOR SHORT PERIOD BUT SINCE COUNCIL IS REFERRING ITEM TO BOP COMMITTEE THIS SHOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEMS (SEE GENEVA 09414).
2. FOR WAIVER REQUESTS AND EXTENSION OF PERIOD OF PROVISIONAL ACCESSION WE WILL NEED VOTING AUTHORITY.

3. ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS NOT ALREADY POUCHED WILL BE AIRMAILED TO STR (STEWART) AND STATE (REIS).
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